

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

In re: )  
 ) Case No. 24-12410  
Roti Restaurants, LLC, *et al.*,<sup>1</sup> ) Chapter 11 (Subchapter V)  
 ) Hon. Judge Donald R. Cassling  
Debtors. )  
 ) Jointly Administered  
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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. C.T.**, Roti Restaurants, LLC, and its named affiliates, the debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases, by and through their attorneys, Richman & Richman LLC, by Michael P. Richman, will appear before the Honorable Donald R. Cassling, or any judge sitting in his place, **either** in courtroom 619 of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse or electronically as described below, and present the *Debtors' Motion for an Order Extending Deadline for Filing Chapter 11 Subchapter V Plan of Reorganization* ("Motion"), a copy of which is attached.

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Dated: November 4, 2024.

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I, David T. Fowle, a paralegal with Richman & Richman LLC, certify that I caused to be served a copy of this notice and the attached *Debtors' Motion for an Order Extending Deadline for Filing Chapter 11 Subchapter V Plan of Reorganization* on each entity shown on the attached Service List at the address shown via U.S. mail on November 4, 2024, on or before 11:59 pm.

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**DEBTORS' MOTION FOR AN ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR  
FILING CHAPTER 11 SUBCHAPTER V PLAN OF REORGANIZATION**

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Roti Restaurants, LLC, and its named affiliates, the debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases (the “**Debtors**”), by and through their attorneys, Richman & Richman LLC, by Michael P. Richman, hereby submits Debtor’s Motion for an Order Extending Deadline for Filing Chapter 11 Subchapter V Plan of Reorganization, seeking entry of an Order, extending by 60 days the time for the Debtors to file their subchapter V plan of reorganization (“**Plan**”), from the current due date of November 21, 2024 through and including January 20, 2025. In support of this Motion, Debtors state as follows:

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## JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are 11 U.S.C. § 1189(b) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014.

## BACKGROUND

3. On August 23, 2024 (the “**Petition Date**”), the Debtors each filed voluntary petitions for relief electing to proceed under subchapter V of Chapter 11 (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”).

4. The Debtors continue to manage their financial affairs as debtors in possession pursuant to Sections 1181 and 1184 of the Bankruptcy Code. The cases are being jointly administered for administrative purposes, *See Order Authorizing the Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases* [Doc 43], and Mr. Ira Bodenstein was appointed as the subchapter V trustee for these cases on August 27, 2024, *See Notice of Appointment of Ira Bodenstein as Subchapter V Trustee* [Doc 34]; *Verified Statement of Subchapter V Trustee* [Doc 35].

5. From the outset, these cases have been predicated on a successful sale of all or substantially all of the Debtors’ business, which the Debtors have sought to be conducted on an accelerated time frame. Stated simply, until the conclusion of the sales process, the shape, scope, content and duration of the Debtors’ plan cannot reasonably be determined. The Debtors need to know their net proceeds, their

projected obligations and liabilities, their projected claims against non-debtors which could augment the size of the estates, and relatedly to assess filed claims against the estates (as to which the bar date was November 1, 2024). Although some of these assessments and projections could likely be preliminarily determined prior to the auction, given that the Debtors' very thin upper management is devoted to the overriding importance of the sales process, it has not been possible to devote any meaningful time to these plan-sensitive determinations.

6. The Debtors initially sought to conduct an auction to sell their business on October 21, 2024. *See* Debtors' Emergency Motion to (I) Approve Bidding Procedures (Including Stalking Horse Bid Protections) for the Sale of Assets Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, and 6006 and (II) for Waiver of the 14-Day Stay Under Bankruptcy Rule 6004 ("Sale Motion") [Doc 25].

7. On September 5, 2024, the Debtors filed a Supplement to Debtors' Emergency Motion to (I) Approve Bidding Procedures (Including Stalking Horse Bid Protections) for the Sale of Assets Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, and 6006 and (II) for Waiver of the 14-Day Stay Under Bankruptcy Rule 6004 ("Supplement") [Doc 89], which, among other things, sought a new auction date of November 6, 2024, in order to provide additional time for marketing.

8. On September 27, 2024, the Court entered a Final Order Approving Bidding Procedures, Including Sale Process Timeline, and Notice and Objection Deadlines (“**Final Sale Order**”) [Doc 179] with an auction date of November 6, 2024.

9. During this time, and continuing through mid-October, the Debtors sought unsuccessfully to qualify a stalking horse bidder for substantially all of its assets. They reported on the status of the sales process in three Status Reports filed on October 3, 2024 [Doc 205], October 8, 2024 [Doc 225] and October 15, 2024 [Doc 234].

10. On October 21, 2024, the Debtors filed an Expedited Third Supplemental Motion for Order Modifying (I) the Auction Date for the sale of Debtors’ Assets, (II) Notice, Objection and Hearing Dates for Objections to Cure Amounts and Adequate Assurance, and (III) Setting Hearings to Approve Sale [Doc 239] (“**Third Supplemental Sale Motion**”), requesting that the Court authorize the Debtors to conduct an auction sale without a stalking horse bidder on November 11, 2024, and this was approved by Order entered on October 30, 2024 [Doc 268]. The foregoing Order also approved the scheduling of a hearing the day after the auction, on November 12, 2024, in order to approve the auction winners, subject to and conditioned upon the Court’s approval of the assumption and assignment of applicable leases, in an accelerated adequate assurance process.

11. Pursuant to the accelerated adequate assurance process approved thereby (see Third Supplemental Sale Motion at pp. 2-3), which is necessary to be completed prior to the closing of any sales achieved at the auction, final unconditional

orders approving the assumption and assignment of leases, and permitting closings to proceed, is not expected prior to November 26, 2024 at the earliest, five days after the current deadline for filing a subchapter V plan.

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

12. By this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of an Order, extending by 60 days the time for the Debtors to file their Plan, from the current due date of November 21, 2024 through and including January 20, 2025.

13. Section 1189 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the Court “may extend the period [to file a plan] if the need for the extension is attributable to circumstances for which the debtor should not justly be held accountable.” In these cases, which are predicated on the sale of the Debtors’ business, the paramount requirements of maximizing the value of the estates necessitated a reasonable (though accelerated) marketing and sales process. The circumstances in these cases are driven by Bankruptcy Code requirements and applicable precedents for bankruptcy sales, and not by any dilatory conduct on the part of the Debtors in developing a subchapter V plan.

14. As the Court is aware from numerous pleadings, reports and hearings (which have taken place at least once a week from the Petition Date through the week of October 25), the Debtors have worked diligently to advance the sale process in an efficient manner to secure the best possible value for the Debtors, their estate, and their creditors.

15. The Debtors are confident that once the proverbial dust clears, closings can occur in late November and early December, and attention can be focused on claims against and by the Debtors, it will then be possible to formulate a plan (including the duration thereof). The Debtors also believe it may be possible to formulate and file a plan in less than the 60 days requested by this Motion. However, given the timing of various late year holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, and out of an abundance of caution to account for any closing delays or other post-Auction issues that may arise, the Debtors desire to have a realistically comfortable margin for meeting this deadline, and to be able to do so without seeking an additional extension.

16. The Debtors do not believe that any creditor or party in interest will be prejudiced by the extension of time requested in this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order extending its deadline to file the Plan from November 21, 2024 through and including, January 20, 2025, and granting such other and further relief as is just and proper in the circumstances.

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Dated: November 4, 2024.

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